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LETTER CARRIER DAY PROCLAIMED

Newark NJ—James C. Walton, General Manager/Postmaster for the Newark Division of the United States Postal Service announced today that the City of Newark Proclaimed September 19, 1990, as "Letter Carrier Day".

In a special ceremony held in the Newark Main Post Office Mayor Sharpe James officially proclaimed this day as "Letter Carrier Day".

"This Proclamation" stated Postmaster Walton. "Is Part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration for Branch 38 of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 38, formed in Newark July 1890, was the first such local in the State of New Jersey and today the fourth largest Letter Carrier local in the United States."

NULITES URGES YOUTH TO STAY IN SCHOOL

Jesse Jackson, Jr., gave an inspirational keynote address to over 600 of the National Urban League Youth Conference attendees at Chicago University. The conference, the first event of NULITES, which stands for National Urban League Incentives to Excel, is an important component of the League's initiatives toward parity in the year 2000.

Speaking to youth drawn from the League's affiliates nationwide, Jackson urged them to make the right choices in life—to stay drug free, get a good education and fight for good jobs, safe housing and other opportunities.

Regarding drugs, Jackson stated "Drug pushers in our communities have killed more people than the KKK ever did." He also warned the youth that the president of the United States was planning to build more jails than schools.

Jackson expressed concern that America may have a Supreme Court that further cuts affirmative action and gives women no choices over their own bodies.

James offers solutions to garbage crisis

Newark-In testimony before the governor's Emergency Solid Waste Reassessment Task Force, Newark Mayor Sharpe James presented a sweeping set of recommendations designed to help ease New Jersey's garbage crisis.

Bill Good, an assistant to James, read from a prepared statement in which the mayor outlined a series of steps designed to increase the state's recycling rate and reduce, at the source, the amount of solid waste produced.

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Lautenberg announces minority business-DOD Conference

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ) today announced his co-sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) regional conference on expanding subcontracting opportunities for minority firms with DoD prime contractors to be held on August 16th, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Radisson

Ellis outlines plan to ensure results in urban districts

"Our goals are clear: to provide a world-class education for every child in every school in New Jersey and to make sure that taxpayer's education dollars are spent prudently and effectively."

Dr. John Ellis
NJ Commissioner of Education

TRENTON—Commissioner of Education, John Ellis, has outlined New Jersey's plan to insure that increased aid to urban districts pays off in better schools.

The plan applies to the 30 urban school districts targeted to receive large hikes in state aid under New Jersey's new school funding law, the Quality Education Act of 1990. The increases take effect in the 1991-92 school year.

"The Quality Education Act represents an unprecedented opportunity to ensure that all our children are ready to compete in the global marketplace of the 21st century," Commissioner Ellis told

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Florio meets with Vision 2000



Governor Jim Florio met recently with members of the Vision 2000 organization to discuss the state's tax plans and their impact on the lives of African-Americans throughout the state. Pictured are Vision 2000 facilitators (l-r) Al Bundy, Gloria Jackson and Jerome Harris. Photo by Glen Frieson

Approximately 20 members of Vision 2000, a non-partisan African-American leadership group, met with Governor James Florio last week at the headquarters of the Black United Fund.

Chaired by Al Bundy, issues discussed included taxes, education, minority health and employment opportunities for New Jersey's African-American community.

Among those represented in the hour-long discussion were Jerome Harris, Richard Roper, Assemblyman Joe Charles, Assemblywoman Stephanie Bush and Gloria Jackson.

During the meeting, the Governor assured the group that one of his main areas of concern is not to create polarization between

urban and suburban communities."

One on One with Spike Lee

by Serra Syndication

By all accounts, he is one of the more innovative and influential, if not controversial filmmakers to come along in a good while. What has drawn American film audiences is a kind of Charlie Chaplain/Woody Allen appeal. What keeps the film industry watching is his undeniable track record. "None of my films have lost money," Spike Lee says proudly, with the sort of brashness that has marked his success. Indeed, he is right. In 1986, Lee turned his \$175,000 investment in "She's Gotta Have It"—a saucy yet sexy comedy, into a \$7 million box office success, and major studios came calling. The film, which was shot in just 12 days, also won him an award for Best New Director at the Cannes Film Festival. His second film, "School Daze," grossed \$14 million, and "Do The Right Thing," which was budgeted at \$6 million, brought in a whopping \$26 million and drew a firestorm of controversy.

Pouring his beliefs into his work, Lee is not above using his films to get his politics across, though on New York critic labeled him, "a classic art school dilettante when it comes to poli-

Study reveals the cost of racism

New York—Racism could bankrupt the nation according to a new report released by the National Urban League at its national conference here today. The report, "The Price, A Study of the Costs of Racism in America," states that as America moves into the 21st Century, the causes and consequences of racism are becoming even more critical. The racial demography of the nation is rapidly changing, with African Americans and other minorities comprising a growing share of the total population.

"African Americans could be the country's critical human resource of the future. But the cost of racism could bring the nation to the brink of bankruptcy as a competitor in the global economy," stated the report's author,

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Spike Lee does interview with City News publisher Henry Johnson at last year's Indiana Black Expo where he received award for best up and coming talent and gave a workshop on blacks in film.

tics." Fact is, he timed the release of "Do The Right Thing" just prior to the New York mayoral election. In an effort to prompt New York blacks to defect Koch and end what he termed the king of black/white polarization that led to a Howard Beach.

He is most criticized for leaving his audiences hanging, but says Spike, "I don't tie everything up into neat little bows. I don't make films where you have to explain every little thing. I present both sides to the questions, and let people make up their own

minds." He tapped a lot of nerves with his last film, "Do The Right Thing," —a blistering attack on race relations during 24 hours in the life of Brooklyn's famed, and predominantly-black, Bedford-Stuyvesant section. For a time,

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Thousands enjoyed a hot but fun day at Family Unity Day in Weequahic Park in Newark. Observers were entertained by clowns, gospel and rap concerts, and hundreds of vendors.



A buyer inquires about one of the many beautiful and unique African items on sale at the annual African Day Festival in Military Park in Newark.

CITY PEOPLE

Xinos and Kudos receive awards from Delta Pi Chapter

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., Delta Pi Chapter said good-bye to their 32 seniors on Wednesday evening at an awards ceremony. The event was held at Franklin St. John's United Methodist Church in Newark. Mrs. Annette Long and Mrs. Margarite Jones, advisor to the youth group, presented Book Awards to Ranna Biddle, Gwendolen Mazyk, James Mazyk, Joy Jackson, Elethia Baldwin, Brian Taylor, Stephanie Lawrence, Shalene Hill and Theresa Simmons. Tamara Long of East Orange received a gift for the senior who participated in the most activities. A gift of two pieces of luggage was presented to each of the 32 seniors.

Mrs. Herminia Long, a member of the very active parent group expressed her wonderful experience in working with the youth group. She wished them Gods speed and great success in

their first year of college. She also urged all parents to become involved with our children. Mrs. Watts, Basileus of Delta Pi Chapter thanked the parents for their support and hard work. She asked that the parents and community become involved in working with our children as role models and help them become the great people that we know they can become.

The Xinos and Kudos are made up of teenagers in grades 9 through 12. This past year has been filled with interesting workshops, panel discussions, step shows, Debutante Ball, appearing on T. V. talk shows but most exciting of all the annual convention held this past March at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Long are now accepting applications. Send a self address envelope to Youth Group P.O. Box 8808 Hillside, New Jersey 07205

Andrew Pappachen appointed chairman of UN Day observance

Mayor Sharpe James has appointed Andrew Pappachen as chairman of the United Nations Day Observance Committee for the second year. An observance ceremony and an international luncheon are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 24, 1990 in City Hall.

"Mr. Pappachen did such a fine job with last year's celebration that I believe this year's celebration, which theme is 'International Literacy', will be even better," James said.

"United Nations Day is an important observance because every culture is represented in the City of Newark. United Nations

Day annually celebrates, on a larger scope, what Newark represents daily: an ethnic melting pot of the entire world," James noted.

"This re-appointment is a special honor for me. I want to use this opportunity to continue to increase the international attention drawn by Newark's redevelopment," Pappachen said.

Supervising Engineer of Water/Sewer Division, Pappachen is "very involved in the community. He is the vice president of the Newark Festival of People, one of the most popular festivals in the tri-state area," according to James.



African Day Festival brings out heritage and Community Spirit



Newarks outstanding employees for July and August

Zunilda Robinson, a complaints processor in Newark's Department of Land Use Control, division of Inspection and Enforcement, was named by Mayor Sharpe James as Employee of the Month for July.

"Mrs. Robinson has done an excellent job," said Mayor James. "Her professional handling of complaints and her concern for people is what distinguished her for this honor."

"She is very dedicated to ensuring that the complaints she receives are properly handled and that the party is satisfied with the results," James added.

Mrs. Robinson, who has four years with the city, stated, "I was excited and surprised to have been chosen as employee of the month. I didn't expect it."

"Since I've been working for the City," Robinson continued, "I feel there has been a lot of changes. Every year I get less calls than the previous year. This means that something is being done, and the administration is working."

Millard Monroe, manager for the division of Inspections and Enforcement had this to say about Mrs. Robinson: "She is an excellent worker, and she works well under pressure. In addition to her taking phone calls, there are also people who walk in that she has to take care of. I think she does a 'bang-up' job."

Mayor Sharpe James recently



Zunilda Robinson

announced John Golba, Newark Police Chief, as "Employee of the Month" for August.

"Chief Golba is a credit to his profession," Mayor James said. "He is concerned about the people's welfare here in the City, and everything he does reflects that concern."

"We need an aggressive police department in order to return Newark to the status it deserves, and that can only be achieved with fine men such as Chief



Police Chief John Golba

Golba," James continued.

Golba, who has 28 years with the City, became chief four years ago and had this to say about his position: "It's a buster job now than it was prior to becoming chief. It's been a tremendous amount of increased workload. All the paperwork that goes through the department comes through my office at one time or another."

Golba is a 50 year resident of the City and said he intends on remaining. "Before becoming Chief," Golba said, "I was involved in the union for a number of years, and I got very familiar with state, local and county government. I think out of all the administrations I've seen, this one is the most energetic and the most beneficial to the citizens. I'm happy to be a part of that team."

Chief Golba has five children: four daughters and a son. As for the state or fate of the City Golba said, "Hopefully the renaissance will culminate one of these days in the not so distant future, and we'll have what we want: a stable, viable and safe city."

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Community Calendar

Thursday, August 9

PLAINFIELD—The Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Central Jersey will be co-sponsoring a "Business After Hours" mini-expo from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Park Plaza Building, 111 East Front St.

Saturday August 18

SPRINGFIELD—It's that time again. The annual Jerseyland Park Community Center Picnic will be held from 11 a.m. until on the grounds at 783 Jerusalem Road. Ribs, Fish, Chicken and more. Come out, have a good time, meet your old friends and make some new ones and just enjoy. Rain or Shine.

Wednesday, August 29

SPRINGFIELD—Union County Summer Arts Festival. Do Wop Night. Echo Lake Park. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. For information call 527-4900.

Saturday, September 15

The Second Annual JFK Hartwyck at Oak Tree Flea Market and Fair will provide games, prizes, refreshments and free blood pressure screenings and will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Individuals who wish to sell crafts, baked goods, handwork or other items or who would like to volunteer to help at the event should contact Kathy Lamia at 201-906-2100.

Wed-Sunday, Sept. 19-23

The Eighth Annual New Jersey Black Issues Convention will be held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel. NJ BIC will bring together leaders from civil rights, government and religious institutions to deliver major statements on issues of concern to the African-American community. Many statewide leaders, both black and white will lend their expertise in a series of workshops that address key issues. For more information call 201-824-7463.

Ellis outlines plan

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"The State Board of Education. 'I intend to see that this opportunity becomes a reality.'

"The increased aid to these 30 districts is a contract," Ellis said. "It's not a handout. We are going to give more to the children in these districts. But we are also going to require more of them."

"We are going to raise student achievement and attendance rates and decrease dropout rates. We are going to require results."

"Our goals are clear to provide a world-class education for every child in every school in New Jersey, and to make sure that taxpayers' education dollars are spent prudently and effectively."

Critical to the success of the Quality Education Act, Ellis said, is New Jersey's ability to improve schools in the state's 30 poorest urban districts. These districts, called "special needs districts," have been cited by the New Jersey Supreme Court and the State Legislature as needing additional state funds and assistance in order to provide their students with the "thorough and efficient" education required by the state constitution. More than 250,000 children are in four New Jersey students attend school in these districts.

Planning for Success in Special Needs Districts

To ensure that the increased aid produces better schools, New Jersey has crafted a plan that focuses on achieving results in the 30 special needs districts, Ellis said. The plan, developed by state and local school improvement specialists, calls for the state to:

- * help the 30 districts identify pressing needs and create improvement plans that rely on proven policies and programs;

- * offer training programs to help teachers and administrators successfully carry out the improvement plans;

- * create partnerships linking the 30 special needs districts with other school districts, higher education institutions, business and industry and other state agencies, groups and institutions with an interest in schools and families; and evaluate the 30 districts carefully and often to make sure their improvement plans remain on track, that successes are celebrated and shared and that problems are quickly corrected.

"The children in our cities deserve effective education," Ellis said, "and the taxpayers of our state deserve a solid return on their investment. We are going to make sure both groups get what they deserve."

Garbage crisis

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In New Jersey, "Now is the time to mandate the changes which need to take place," James said. "Specific goals must be met within specific timeframes. We can afford to wait no longer."

In his testimony, James cited packaging containers as a major contributor to the garbage crisis. He called upon the state to place fees on virgin materials used in packaging in order to encourage the use of recycled materials. James recommended a similar measure in which the state would require a three cent per container fee on plastic single-use food and beverage containers unless a 75% recycling rate for these materials is achieved by 1995.

Source reduction measures advocated by James include the mandatory adoption of source reduction strategies as amendments to existing county waste management plans. He also called on state government to organize "design for source reduction" workshops for design and packaging engineers, manufacturers,

"Education ultimately is a bottom-line business," Ellis said. "In evaluating our efforts in these districts, we will look at bottom-line indicators including test scores, student achievement rates, dropout rates and attendance rates. We will insist that the districts' plans target these critical areas, and we will see that the plans are successfully carried out."

Statewide Conference for Special Needs Districts

To kick off its new partnership with the 30 urban districts, the State Department of Education will hold a conference in mid-September, Ellis said. Invited to the conference will be representatives from each of the 30 special needs districts: mayors, school board presidents, school superintendents, teacher-union principals, parents and students.

"Schools often exist in isolation," Ellis said. "They are community institutions, and improving them requires community effort. By meeting with representatives from the 30 urban districts, we can start the dialogue needed to produce real improvements."

Developing the Plans

Development of the improvement plans will begin immediately after the conference. Teams of outside experts will visit each special needs district to identify its needs. These teams, called "external review teams," will be led by specialists from the department. Team members will include representatives from other public school districts, higher education, business and industry and community service organizations. The teams will visit the districts and will meet with local and county school officials, parents and other members of each community.

After pinpointing areas where the districts need to expand or improve services, the teams will consult with a group of urban school experts to choose appropriate and proven remedies. This group, called the "urban assistance group," is an educational brain trust composed of department staff and state and national experts in urban education.

The remedies proposed by the urban assistance group likely will include some combination of "high-impact" programs and strategies that have been proven to make a real difference in urban schools, Ellis said. These include:

- * Pre-kindergarten and other early intervention programs;

- * extended school days;

- * establishment of core competencies in elementary curricula;

retailers, wholesalers and distributors.

James pointed to Newark's 50% recycling rate and emphasized that many of the city's recycling initiatives can be applied on a state-wide scale. "It has not been easy to reach the 50% goal, which was set by the City of Newark to prove to other cities and the State that it could be done," he said. "We urge you to move recycling forward and make the necessary hard decisions as we have done in Newark."

Newark recycling programs that the mayor put forward for state-wide adoption include:

- * Extensive use of recycled rubber and glass in road paving materials;

- * A ban on "problematic" materials such as polystyrene and polychlorinated food packaging materials used as 60% recycling rate for these materials are established;

- * A requirement that ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons used in refrigeration units be recycled during servicing.

- * smaller class sizes in the primary grades;

- * peer tutoring and community service;

- * alternative Education programs for high-risk students; and

- * parent involvement programs.

In October, the team leaders will present the districts with the teams' findings and recommendations. Districts will use the teams' reports to draw up educational improvement plans. The review team leader and the urban assistance group will help the districts incorporate the recommendations into their plans.

After the plans are completed, the districts will submit them to the Commissioner for his approval in December.

"I will approve no plan that does not contain programs that have been proven effective in increasing student learning," Ellis said. "If a district does not need an external review team recommendation, I would want to hear strong rationale for its decision."

Thirty Special Needs Districts By County

County	District
Atlantic	Plainsboro
Bergen	Garfield
Burlington	Burlington City
	Pemberton
	Towamint
Camden	Camden
	Gloversville City
Chambersburg	Bridgeton
	Millville
	Vineland
Essex	East Orange
	Irvington
	Newark
	Orange
	Hoboken
	Jersey City
	Union City
	West New York
Hudson	Trenton
	New Brunswick
	Perth Amboy
	Ansony Park
	Kearnsburg
	Borough
	Long Branch
	Naperville Township
	Passaic City
Passaic	Passaic
	Paterson
	Elizabeth
Union	Plainfield
	Phillipsburg
Warren	

New housing units for Orange

Orange, N.J. - A ground breaking ceremony was recently held to begin construction on Phase I of an affordable housing development in Orange. Seventeen parcels in this development were bought by RPM Development Corporation earlier this year at one of the City's auctions.

"It's gratifying to know that property auctions by the City of Orange is both valuable and attractive to the outstanding developers in the state," commented Mayor Brown.

The total project pending zoning board approval will involve housing units, according to developers Edward G. Martoglio and Alfred Pierri.

Martoglio expects occupancy of this project by October 1st. Other properties purchased by RPM Corporation through city

Cost of racism

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Billy J. Tidwell, Ph.D., Director of Research of the National Urban League.

"If the American economy of the 21st Century is to reach a new level of productivity, the cost of racism must be eliminated," Dr. Tidwell said.

The report estimates the true cost of racial inequality in income by comparing African American's actual total income with their total income if parity had been achieved. The personal income loss for African Americans was as high as \$179 billion in 1989. Over the period of 1980 to 1989, the total loss of income for African Americans was \$1.7 trillion.

The study reports the effects of racism on the wealth of African Americans which is only

"Ultimately," the Commissioner said, "the districts will be required to develop workable plans that address their needs."

Districts, after getting the Commissioner's approval, will incorporate the improvement plans into their proposed budgets for the 1991-92 school year.

Long-term Process, Long-term Commitment

Adoption of the districts' improvement plans does not end the state's active involvement, Ellis said.

"School improvement is a Long-term process," the Commissioner said. "It will have the state's long-term commitment."

The urban assistance group will continue to work with districts, Ellis said, to evaluate their progress and adherence to their plans.

In addition, the department itself will soon be reorganized to better focus its resources on the improvements in the districts and to ensure the successful implementation of the

DOD conference

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colleges and universities and minority institutions.

"This conference has tremendous economic implications for New Jersey minority-owned firms interested in doing business with the Defense Department," said Lautenberg.

"Minority business owners throughout the state and New Jersey will have the opportunity to get first hand information on how to market their services for sub-contracts with DoD prime contractors," Lautenberg added.

Defense Department officials from Washington and representatives of prime contractors from New England will be on hand at the conference.

"All conference participants will receive a newly-developed technical manual, specifically on subcontracting and marketing strategies," said Dave Johnson, Vice President of Boone, Young & Associates, a minority management firm engaged by DoD to coordinate the 5% minority procurement goal conference. "These manuals will demonstrate how to identify, seek and obtain subcontracting opportunities with DoD prime contractors," added Johnson.

auctions include 230 North Day Street in Orange available for rental around August 1st and a development on Pierson Street available for rental in September.

The units will be a combination of two or three bedrooms. Some of the units are duplex apartments with parking available for all units.

"I'm committed to providing affordable housing for families in our community with the help of interested developers like RPM at goal is an attainable one," said Mayor Brown at the ground breaking.

Funding for Phase I of the project is through United New Jersey Bank. There may be a need for additional state funding if not available the Corporation is pursuing Essex County funding.

nine percent of that of whites. African-American families average \$3,400 in net worth compared to \$39,000 for white families.

The report offers new insights into this complex problem. Three kinds of costs were examined: socio-psychological, socio-political, and economic.

The study evaluates the cost of racism on the development of a positive self-concept, on segregated education, and on employment.

Increased signs of hostility toward African Americans were also reported as furthering the cost of racism.

The study not only examines racism's impact on African Americans, but also looks into the effects of racism on its white perpetrators.

mentation of the Quality Education Act, Ellis said.

"New Jersey has already proven that it can create world-class schools for some of its children," Commissioner Ellis told

the board. "Our goal now is to create world-class schools for all students. I am convinced that we can meet this challenge. The future of our children, and our state, depends on it."

PSE&G donates \$2000 to minority engineering

CRANFORD—Union County College's Minorities in Engineering Project, which aims to develop an interest in engineering and the sciences among minority students from selected public schools, has received a \$2,000 boost from Public Service Electric and Gas Co. (PSE&G).

The contribution signifies an effort by the utility to support furthering education in the engineering field. Such corporate contributions from firms throughout the area help provide funding for special classes and presentations to project participants.

Students benefit from day-long programs at such corporations, showing how skills developed through a college engineering program might apply to business and industry needs.

Craftsman Apprenticeships openings

The U.S. Department of Labor has over 900 apprenticeship occupations available in the following field: automotive body worker, airplane mechanic, sheet metal worker, electrical worker, bricklayer, carpenter, upholsterer, jeweler, baker, printer plus many more.

The length of training varies from 2 to 6 years depending on the trade and is determined by standards adopted by the industry. The training process is the learning of each operation, under the supervision of a skilled craftsman. The apprentice wages begin at half the salary of a fully trained craftsman, and advance at 6-month intervals until the apprentice completes his training. Then he is paid the full craftsman wages.

All applicants must be 16 years of age or older, and be a high school graduate or have a GED. In addition, some apprenticeships require applicants to have a drivers license.

The openings for the program will be the first two weeks of August. If you are interested in the apprenticeship program, contact: Ulysses Jordan, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship & Training, 60 Park Place, Room 339, Newark, New Jersey 07102, or Thomas Henderson, Coordinator of Urban Enterprise Zone in Orange City Hall at 266-4012.

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1-2 Auto Parts Rt 9 Freeville	Cardinal Auto Parts 790 Foster Blvd Toms River	Felix Auto Parts 550 Brick Blvd. Brooklyn	NAPA Auto Parts 3215 Bridge Ave Point Pleasant	Paul's Auto Parts 3215 Bridge Ave Point Pleasant
1-2 Auto Parts Rt 35 Couchant	Ceremy Auto Parts Rt 9 Forsyth	Forced River Parts Rt 9 Forsyth	Naples Auto Parts 127 First Ave Atlantic Highlands	PL Pleasant Auto Parts Rt 88 Point Pleasant
A & B Auto Parts Rt 106 & 1st Ave Farmington	D & M Auto Parts 1014 Sea Girt South Toms River	Garrison's Rt 106 & 1st Ave Sea Girt	Naples Auto Parts 1501 Rt 106 Middlesex	Spectrum Auto Parts Rt 9 Manasquan

City News

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EDITORIAL

Florio is on the line, so are we!

Many have commented concerning the ever popular JFK that although he was charismatic, almost to the point of being an idol, it was LBJ who got the job done.

Could this be the case here in New Jersey?

Following on the heels of the ever popular Tom Kean, will Jim Florio ultimately be known as the governor who got the job done?

Tom Kean spoke eloquently about his visions for the state—for education, the environment, urban economic development, trade, minority concerns and, of course we can't forget, "New Jersey and You Perfect Together." Tom Kean also left this state in a financial crisis which according to the present administration, needs a major rescue effort if we are to retain our rating status and thus our economic viability.

We have to stand back in awe of the measures that Florio has instituted in his brief tenure which exemplify the concept of the Yin/Yang.

Danger or opportunity?

Florio has put himself on the line and unbeknownst to many of us, particularly minorities in urban communities, we are right there with him. In essence what has happened is that Florio has put the state's money and actions where Tom Kean's mouth has been—in developing the urban communities of New Jersey. Most importantly, he has tackled the major problem confronting America today—building a sound workforce and a responsible citizenry.

If we can put aside our anxieties concerning the reallocation of funds for just a minute, let's consider the possible results of having young people in urban, suburban and rural schools attend school, learn basic math, read, write and develop good citizenship (their role and responsibility in their communities, states, country and world) and graduate from the 12th grade to either enter the workforce prepared or to enter college with the knowledge to continue their education at that level.

Now consider the effects if we don't reverse the current educational trends. Corporations will continue to have a shortage in the labor force. When they do find personnel, they must make extensive allocations to remediate the employees before they can work at a satisfactory job level. Colleges and universities must do the same. We now live in a country where youth learn quicker, but we continue to extend the amount of time required for them to learn. We won't even mention those students, many of whom are very bright, who will drop out of school and become another unemployed statistic, homeless statistic, unwed mother statistic, drug-addicted statistic ad infinitum.

Florio has opened a small window of opportunity for changing the course of urban education. He is on the line. If we truly believe the rhetoric of our boards of education, teachers' unions, and school administrations, then this new allocation should make a difference. It is in our best interest to monitor closely what will be done with the money coming into the urban districts. Let's not give the nay-sayers the opportunity to say "See, more money didn't help you people one bit."

What should be clear is that this is not a spectator sport for anyone. None of us can afford to sit back and watch. We must find ways to carry the ball to the goal for the sake of our children and ourselves.

LETTERS

Education: New Jersey's crossroads

The Educational decisions handed down by the state Supreme Court affirmed and supports one of the most fundamental rights all New Jerseyans can be proud of; that children—our natural and most important resource—shall have a thorough,

efficient and equal opportunity to the best education that this state has to offer. It will only be when we, as New Jerseyans, view these decisions as a decisions benefiting all children and not simply decisions chosen between urban versus suburban or rural versus suburban that we as New Jerseyans will prepare this state for the coming century.

When we deal with the problems of toxic waste, garbage, water to name a few, we attack

Quote of the Week

"There are times in history when change is absolutely essential...this is such a time now—urban education has to be changed."

Dr. John Ellis
NJ Education Commissioner

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Commentary by
Connie Woodruff

Thanks to the national Cities in Schools project, Newark and several other New Jersey school districts selected for a statewide pilot program, will get professional and technical help in the areas of student retention and auxiliary services required to assist students in the completion of their high school education.

This week Cities in Schools, a Pittsburgh based organization, announced the appointment of Dr. Julia (Judy) Miller of Montclair as N.J. Director. She will be housed in the Broad Street offices of the year old ONE-to-ONE Foundation headed by former DCA Commissioner Leonardi Smith Coleman.

Dr. Miller, former Director of Seton Hall's Basic Studies Department, retired from the Hall last year, spending the first six months of retirement in several African countries where she did post-Doctoral work on academics in Third World countries.

Having spent many years as classroom teacher and administrator, Judy is more than prepared

to take on the challenge of working directly with school systems that wrestle with the problems of preparing, encouraging and motivating inner city students to prepare for the 21st century through academic skills needed to succeed in a technological society.

There are hopeful signs Newark parents intend to be more vigilant than ever before about educating their children. And apparently not a minute too soon.

Newark and other inner city communities will share in nearly \$1 billion in new and newly allocated state aid. But the windfall will not be repeated without a lot of accountability as the strings are attached.

New Jersey Education Commissioner John Ellis may be the new kid on the block in his job, but he's an experienced hand in school administration. According to informed circles the new education chief (he replaced Saul Cooperman), Ellis has more power than any of his predecessors, knows how to use it and is willing to wield a heavy stick if it comes to that.

This adds up to good news to those who approve and disapprove of increased financial help for school districts that have raised doubts about whether more money or better administration is the answer to improving school systems state wide.

For instance, Before local

school boards approve their budgets, Ellis will have the power to determine how a fund will be spent. This means he can determine how much money will go into administration and how much into instruction.

Important districts like Newark, the chief can require schools to buy new textbooks, materials and equipment—or spend their funds on renovating facilities.

It means he can tell the school districts they must have longer school days, longer school years, new programs for preschool children, specialized programs for gifted children or children with special problems.

All of these issues are important for children in the Newark, Jersey City, Paterson, Trenton and Camden of the state where absenteeism, cutting classes, second hand text books and helter-skelter programs that fail to address the real academic and sociological needs of inner city students are a real basis for the high drop-out rate, failure to achieve and motivation.

As John Ellis is quoted as saying, "There are times in history when change is absolutely essential." This is such a time now—urban education has to be changed."

If history repeats itself (as it inevitably will), Ellis will probably run into an hornet's nest of political interference if he enforces some of these changes in Newark

where political expediency is often the order of the day.

Newark has an elected Board of Education that was supposed to take politics out of the schools when the Boards were appointed by the Mayor. An elected Board was viewed as a political escape route. However, there is very little to convince the most casual observer that this has happened.

Few voters bother to vote in the Board elections and candidates are usually the pawns of one special interest group or another who pour money and manpower into the contest of an individual or a state candidate.

Apparently, the spoils system is still alive and well in educational circles. The Jersey City system was so riddled with politics the state eventually took it over. Peterson is tottering on the brink of a state takeover and Newark is not far behind.

We are constantly told children are our future. What kind of future can we expect if our children are sent out into the adult world without even the basic skills of reading, writing and math and no one to help them?

New Jersey is not alone in this youthful deficiency. Go to Chicago, St. Louis, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oakland. Visit schools in Boston's Roxbury district or go across the river to Manhattan, the Bronx or Brooklyn.

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Should Underworld Society be censored?

by
Sharon Khadif
Vincent

"Get off the corner," and go where? "Get a job," and do what? "Stop selling drugs," and what? "Okay, but what shall I do?"

can money? These are comments that we hear people say to young people everyday. We also hear them ask questions, which cannot be ignored or shrugged off. We must be prepared to give answers and viable alternatives to young people who are seeking guidance and direction.

It is real contradiction to be late young people for not attempting to get their lives together and engage in legitimate forms of business and enterprises—yet criticize them if they attempt to do anything for themselves. In the case of the young

men involved in the rap group "The Underworld Society," along with their producers and promoters, a double standard is being used against them, which is simply unacceptable.

Members of the "Underworld Society," Romeo Black, Jai the Boss, and Ali Ballistics are typical examples of young men who know and have lived the life of the "streets." They are very up front about their personal histories, and don't try to hide the fact that they were engaged in very destructive—and "negative" lifestyles. It's because of their experiences, they say, that they can speak about issues and topics which are going on around them in their neighborhoods with a sense of knowledge and insight. They also believe that they should be able to express themselves in the language and style which they feel the young people who listen to them understand.

Their new album "Coming from the Dead in 1990," features an assortment of material which speaks to what they see going on around them. One particular cut has been singled out though, entitled "The Cakes," which has apparently caused some controversy, even though, some of the individuals who are making comments about the record have never even heard it. They are apparently receiving the backlash of the "2 Live Crew" controversy.

The reasons why this latest attempt at censorship and the denial of First Amendment rights is so alarming and troubling, is due to the fact that a real negative message and signal is being given to our young people. If they witness members of their own peer group being ostracized and dumped on then they are attempting to become successful by legitimate means, what we are really giving them in the way of options? To charge that the group is only concerned with making money as opposed to fostering education is to speak without knowledge of the group's collective history, and to falsely suggest that recording artists, producers, etc. are in the entertainment business simply to "feel good." Get Real!

Record producers and promoters Troy McNair and Donald Davis have been told that they will not be able to put on a concert in Plainfield featuring the "Underworld Society." Well, who can be featured in a concert? They have been charged with only wanting to make money. Find any promoter in America who doesn't want to make money? Why are these two young African American males who are trying to do what any entrepreneurs want to do—make money, being singled out? They are knocking anybody over the head and stealing from them. Why can't they be allowed to do business just like everybody else?

With all of the problems and conflicts which are taking place around the world, and in our nation and cities, why are these rap groups being focused on? Certainly, in Plainfield, there are enough problems to occupy the mayor, police and city officials, without spending time on trying to keep "The Underworld Society," whose members live in the city of Plainfield, from performing. The fact that they have already performed on at least two different occasions in Plainfield—that was before their new album was released—makes this

decision seem to be a decision that it was O.K. for them to perform before the "2 Live Crew" incident in Florida, but now it's not alright.

This is the real problem with censorship, where does it stop, and who determines what gets censored? As I have expressed in a previous article written about the "2 Live Crew" controversy, personally do we like rap music, which contains unnecessary profanity and has derogatory lyrics about women, but, a simply don't buy it, or listen to it. While I am not against what the artists are saying to express themselves. To attempt to ban a group from performing because in your view they aren't doing anything "positive" is not a good enough reason to attempt to restrict their First Amendment rights.

Was HBO doing anything positive, then they featured the recent live Madonna concert? They made a whole lot of money, and Madonna probably proved that being "obscene" and getting away with it, is really no problem—it just depends on who you are. And who can forget the antics of "Guns n' Roses" on national television award show, talking about the "niggers." A never heard any protest from the sponsors.

What we need to spend time protesting, is simply left to linger on without any solutions offered: poor educational services, high taxes—yet declining services, lack of responsive leadership, increasing racial and bias incidents, lack of parental involvement, etc. It becomes easier to divert the attention away from these issues, by having people chase all of the non-issues.

We also have to really listen to and respect the opinions of our young people. You can't just simply keep telling them, don't do this or do that, yet offer no viable solutions. If we want them to be successful, we need to listen to their criticisms, they are the ones who, says to them, that no matter what they do, we will find fault with it. As the members of the "Underworld Society," recently said in an interview, when their peers approach them, they want to know, "Why is the establishment coming down on them now?" A good question.

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State strategies for achieving national education goals: strengths and weaknesses

by Martha C. Fricke, President
National School Boards Association

The nation's governors recently held their annual meeting at which a major focus was on their report, "Educating America: State Strategies for Achieving the National Education Goals."

The National School Boards Association applauds the governors for continuing to make education a top priority in our nation. But issuing the report is not all that must be done. The next step must be to connect the goals and accompanying strategies in the report to local school boards and educators in the 15,000 school districts where the day-to-day education of our 40 million public school students actually takes place.

The report discusses at length what the governors think should be done to achieve the national education goals. But, very little is said about how, or who, is expected to pay for these improvements. Everyone is familiar with the common saying, "There's no free lunch." A realistic estimate of the necessary funds has to be developed, and a plan recommended, that will provide the needed state and federal resources for local school districts. Otherwise, pursuit of the education goals will only result in perpetu-

ating the current fiscal dilemma faced by "have not" school districts in trying to keep up with the "haves."

There are other portions of the report that NSBA strongly supports, namely:

- The need for a youth policy in all states that will coordinate social services, such as those involved with health and nutrition, in order to assure a proper learning environment. We are pleased that the call for such a policy extends beyond pre-schoolers to also include school-age children.

- A recognition of the role of technology in school curriculum and administration to improve the educational environment for children.

- A recognition of technology as a means to broaden the educational environment beyond the classroom and the boundaries of local communities.

- A recommendation that accountability systems for achieving the national education goals be built in at all levels—local, state and national.

Although NSBA applauds the work of the governors, there are several concerns and cautions that all citizens must be alerted to:

NSBA recognizes "parental choice options" within school systems as viable approaches in strengthening the public schools. However, NSBA opposes any state actions that call for the "privatization" of education at public expense, and mandates that involve transfer of students between school districts.

NSBA encourages strong action in developing new assessment procedures and processes, but agrees with the governors that such action should not be allowed to develop into a nationalization of the school curriculum. NSBA therefore cautions against the adoption of any performance standards that could result in stifling curriculum innovations and local flexibility, which are indispensable in a diverse nation such as ours.

Any national accountability system must ensure that its coordination is carried out systematically in conjunction with other national programs already active in developing assessment plans. Failure to coordinate with these programs will result in mixed messages being disseminated, a dilution of resources, and frustration among educators as they develop strategies to achieve the national goals.

NSBA believes that the governors' report errs grievously in failing to recognize that there must be strong federal role in education at the same time that it calls for the implementation of vigorous national priorities. This shortcoming is myopic and underplays the significance of the federal role in assuring that national goals are achieved. A strong and far-reaching federal role in education research, technology, teacher training and recruitment, support for urban schools, and equity and support for handicapped and at-risk students all must be spelled out in any recommended strategies.

NSBA agrees with the governors that any proposed changes need time to be put in place and be fully implemented. But by failing to acknowledge that greatly increased federal and state funding is needed, the report is limited to rhetoric in dealing with the education goals. The goals cannot be achieved by rhetoric alone.

The nation's school board members, who serve as the local community's advocates for school children and better schools, are prepared to work with all concerned groups and individuals at the state and federal levels in fulfilling the long-term commitment to, and accountability for, the national education goals.

Host families needed for exchange students

The Russians are coming! So are the French, Spanish, the Italians, Japanese, Australians, the South Americans and the Scandinavians.

Unfortunately, many might not be able to come because there will not be a place for them to stay when they get here.

All over the United States, volunteers and staff with student exchange services say they are facing a critical shortage of host family homes for year long high school exchanges.

If host families aren't found within the next few weeks, some organizations say that many students eager to live an American experience may have to give up their dream. Were this to happen, some of tomorrow's future foreign leaders may be deprived of the opportunity of learning first hand about the United States, its customs, its institutions and, above all, its hospitable people.

"We are finding it very difficult to find families interested in hosting. Perhaps the market is too saturated," said J. Scott Thornton, President of International Education Forum.

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of student exchange service organizations. There are now dozens of foundations bringing thousands of students to visit and study in the United States," Thornton said.

"This dramatic increase in the need for host homes is also coupled by a decline in the number of host families asking for an international student," Thornton continued.

When both husband and wife have separate careers, they are often reluctant to take on the responsibility of caring for an international high school student. They worry that the student may feel neglected and unhappy in this family situation.

"But two-career families and single parent families should not rule themselves out," says Bill Gustafson, President of ASSE International Student Exchange Programs.

Local coordinators interviewing prospective host families are not looking for a specific traditional family structure that might resemble Ozzie and Harriet," said Martha Day, local coordinator.

"We are looking for a happy family situation even if it is a busy one. The family must also provide a student with their own bed and include the student with the family meals and normal activities."

Here are some of the exchange agencies seeking local families:

AMERICAN SCANDINAVIAN STUDENT EXCHANGE (ASSE)—An ASSE, an American Scandinavian Student Exchange by the Swedish government, is affiliated with the Swedish and Finnish National Department of Education, maintains 21 offices in 19 countries and accommodates more than 10,000 high school age student exchanges annually. In August, over 28,000 girls and boys, 15 through 18 years of age from Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Mexico, France, England, Australia and eleven other countries, plan on coming to the USA through the ASSE program. Families or persons interested in finding out more about hosting as ASSE exchange student should call Debbie at 1-800-333-3802.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FORUM (IEF): Over 1300 high school age students are expected to arrive in August from Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Thailand, and many other countries. Students are highly screened, and academically qualified since school attendance is a requirement. Students will be visiting for 5, 5, or 10 months. They have medical insurance and have their own spending money. Those families interested in hosting an international student should call 1-800-234-8339 and ask for April.

SPANISH HERITAGE: Spanish Heritage needs homes for carefully screened high school students from Spain and Mexico

who wish to attend high school for one year in this country. They are fully insured and are responsible for their personal expenses. For further details, call 1-800-669-1223.

QUESTIONS TO ASK
Officials of long-established student exchange foundations recommend that potential host families ask the agency representative several questions before they agree to take in a student:

- Is there a local representative who will be available to counsel the student and family if there are problems? Will they be ready to move the student if relationship between the family and student doesn't work out?

- If the student is here for a year long high school program, does the program have counselors available to help students get in the right classes, and assist them if a school tries to push them into inappropriate classes?

- Does the organization require visiting students to have

their own medical coverage and other insurance before they come to the United States? Is a responsible agency representative necessary and on-call in case the student gets in trouble or has an emergency?

- How long has the organization existed? If the organization has its headquarters overseas, how long has it operated in the United States?

- Has your local school district ever worked with the agency or had students enrolled who came to the United States through the agency? Were there any previous bad experiences?

For those seeking further information on the various student exchange agencies, the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel publishes a book that lists nonprofit exchange agencies that meet its criteria. The council may be contacted in writing at 3 Loudoun Street, S.E. Suite 3, Leesburg, Virginia 22075, or by calling (703) 771-2040.

Cleaning Newark's neighborhoods is team effort

The Improve Newark Program, Inc. and Inroads/New Jersey, Inc. recently sponsored a "community clean-up" in the City of Newark in an effort to beautify the City's neighborhoods. The two groups cleaned lots on Pennsylvania Avenue, South 9th and Miller Streets.

The Improve Newark Program has been involved in many beautification efforts throughout the City, and its members are affiliated with the municipal government, the Board of Education and the business community. The organization also counts among its a citizen-at-large membership of over two thousand.

Inroads/New Jersey is a group of approximately 30 college interns who are involved in community service projects throughout New Jersey. The students, this year, chose to help beautify Newark's neighborhoods.

In leading the two groups' commitment to a revitalized and livable city, Mayor Sharpe James gave special recognition to the students of Inroads: "When I think about the many other activities in which our young people could be involved, I am extremely happy that the young men and women of Inroads have chosen to take a sincere interest in Newark's renaissance and donate a portion of their time for giving back to the community. Their long hours of hard work have certainly not gone unnoticed, and we are extremely appreciative of their efforts to renew our city with both clean neighborhoods and a sense of pride. These young people are the kind of leaders that will move our city, state and nation forward in the 21st century."

Tonya Lindsey, secretary of Inroads, said, "Inroads/New Jersey, Inc. is developing minority youth today to be the leaders of America in the 21st Century. Being a 'true' leader means giving back to your community!"

Other beautification efforts planned for the City of Newark by the Improve Newark Program include the clean-up of Terrell Homes, Nye Avenue, Hopson, Leslie, Wainwright, and South 10th Streets, as well as a continuation of projects already in progress on 15th Avenue, South 9th, 2nd, and Dickerson Streets.

For more information about the Improve Newark Program, please call 733-5378.



MESAB launches Mickey Leland pharmacy scholarship program in South Africa

WASHINGTON, DC—Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, a founding member of the Board of Directors of Medical Education for South African Blacks (MESAB) announced the launch of the Mickey Leland Pharmacy Scholarship Program in South Africa as a lasting tribute to the late Texas congressman.

Congressman Leland, who was a trained pharmacist, was killed in a plane crash in Ethiopia during one of his many trips to that troubled area.

"The goal of the Mickey Leland Scholarship fund is to provide \$100,000 a year in assistance to black South African pharmacy students. This fund will support 20 pharmacy students each year, in a country that today has only 96 pharmacists out of 28 million blacks," Secretary Sullivan said in making the announcement on behalf of MESAB.

Upon the establishment of the scholarship program dedicated to her husband, Alan Leland said, "Mickey was proud of his professional training as a pharmacist and loved to tell people that he and Hubert Humphrey were the only two to ever serve in the United States Congress."

"Mickey would applaud your efforts and would be proud to have the program bear his name."

Throughout his twelve years representing Houston in Congress, Mickey Leland fought tirelessly for the rights of the hungry and the homeless, the poor and the uneducated throughout the world. His accomplishments in hunger-relief efforts in this country and throughout the African continent were tremendous, and he will long be missed by all people involved with the causes he championed.

As South African blacks prepare themselves for new opportunities and responsibilities, the need for many more pharmacists and other health professionals is critical. "The need could not be clearer or more desperate," said

Secretary Sullivan, who travelled to South Africa with MESAB in 1987.

MESAB supports the training of South African black health professionals to address the overwhelming health care needs of South Africa's black majority. MESAB is currently providing assistance to more than 200 students at seven South African universities in 11 disciplines.

In 1989 MESAB supported 16 students in pharmacy programs at four universities in South Africa. With the establishment of the Mickey Leland Scholarship Program, MESAB will be able to expand assistance on these four campuses as well as provide additional scholarship aid on a fifth campus.

All contributions to the Mickey Leland Scholarship Program in Pharmacy in South Africa are tax deductible.

For additional information about the Mickey Leland Pharmacy Scholarship Program and about MESAB, contact Mitchell Warren at (202) 364-6727.

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Osteoporosis and obesity in black women part of major study

How well can we measure how much bone, muscle, fat and fluid are in our bodies? Until now, only roughly.

The amounts and proportions of these components are imprecisely known even in normal bodies. Yet measurements of them are used constantly in medical treatment and research.

With a \$7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, a team of more than 20 scientists from five institutions, led by doctors at Columbia University and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, are beginning the most ambitious effort ever made to refine these measurements.

The results will allow scientists to trace subtle changes that could not be detected before and are expected to significantly aid understanding of aging, AIDS, exercise, growth, nutrition, obesity, osteoporosis and ethnic differences.

The scientists are developing a new tool that uses nuclear physics to measure precise amounts of elements in the body. Early experiments have already shown that there are small but important differences in normal body composition among different ethnic groups.

"People vary in their body composition -- by sex, by age and by race," said Dr. Richard N. Pierson Jr., who heads the project. "If you are going to use measurements of body composition in clinical medicine -- and they are used constantly -- you have to know what the norms are." Dr. Pierson is chief of Body Composition in the Department of Medicine at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center and professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

"In the past, we could measure various compartments in the body -- bone, muscle, protein, fat and fluid -- with plus or minus 4 to 7 percent precision," said Dr. Pierson. "In the new era, we will be able to measure most of these compartments to plus or minus 2 percent, and some of them down to better than 1 percent."

The tool used, called in-vivo neutron activation analysis, can register a 1 percent difference in bone mass over a period of a year, he said. Such sensitivity is invaluable for clinicians studying the efficacy of treatments that might involve diet, drugs or exercise. Dr. Avraham Dillman, chief physician in the Medical Department at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, Long Island, will direct the equipment upgrading that will make these improvements possible.

"Over a relatively short time, when you use these very fine tools, you can recognize a trend or a development that previously you could not appreciate," Dr. Pierson said. "That means you find answers in a year or two for bone, rather than in 10 to 15 years, or in 3 to 4 weeks for muscle or fluids, versus 3 to 4 months."

During the five-year project, researchers will measure the body composition of about 860 people by the new and improved neutron activation technique at Brookhaven. In the process, neutrons activate elements in the body for periods lasting from one-quadrillionth of a second to a few hours. The resulting emissions of gamma rays give very accurate measurements of calcium, chloride, carbon, nitrogen, potassium and sodium in the body. These, in turn, correspond to the mass of bone, and amount of extracellular water, protein, fat

and muscle.

Under the NIH's National Institute of Digestive, Diabetic and Kidney Diseases, medical applications of these very high-precision instruments will be explored in four major studies:

- Body composition and osteoporosis in black women.

Nutritional therapies to combat progressive malnutrition in AIDS patients.

- Effects of diet and exercise in strengthening muscle and bone in elderly patients.

- Treatments to manage obesity in black women. OSTEOPOROSIS IN BLACK WOMEN

Three hundred and sixty black women aged 20 to 80 will be measured to help find ways to prevent osteoporosis, a disease little understood in this population group. In osteoporosis, bone becomes demineralized with age, leading to shortening, bowing and increased risk of bone fractures.

The disease is triggered by a decreased production of the hormone estrogen. As the number of black women over 65 increases, so does their incidence of osteoporosis. An increase in longevity by about five years is expected for black women, doubling the rate of the disease among this population.

Data from this study will provide new understanding of ways to prevent or stop demineralization, to enhance bone mass before menopause occurs, and possibly, to reverse bone loss.

"If you want to find out if a new drug slows down the rate of osteoporosis or improves bone metabolism, you need methods that are sensitive enough to detect small changes in bone mass over a period of one or two years," Dr. Pierson said. "Until recently,

techniques of that precision weren't available. That's what these methods are all about. They pick up a one percent change in bone in a year."

The principal investigator on this study is Dr. John Aloia of the Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, Long Island.

The AIDS nutrition study. The AIDS study will develop methods to precisely register changes in AIDS patients' body composition caused by nutritional or drug treatment over a period as short as a month.

Dr. Pierson termed such measurements to be "absolutely key" for doctors trying to determine if their treatments are effective.

"If you give a drug like AZT or DDI to an AIDS patient, you might find a weight loss at first, which you could take as a bad sign," he said. "But if you could measure over several weeks that the patient is actually losing extracellular water while gaining muscle, you could say that the patient is, in fact, improving."

The AIDS study is headed by Dr. Donald Kodner, director of the Gastrointestinal Immunology Laboratory at St. Luke's-Roosevelt and associate professor of clinical medicine at Columbia.

Effects of diet and exercise on muscle and bone in elderly. This study will explore whether exercise and diet can increase muscle mass and strengthen bones of postmenopausal women. If the theory is proven correct, "it will change clinicians' options and goals in rehabilitating and taking care of elderly people," Dr. Pierson.

The project is headed by Dr. William Evans of the USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University. Treatments to manage obesity in black

women

This study will look at diets and treatments that can prevent muscle and bone loss and stimulate fat loss in obese patients.

"It is important to distinguish which weight is being lost via these treatments -- how much is fat, water, protein or bone," Dr. Pierson said. "At present, conventional methods of measuring body composition are accurate only over long periods and with large weight losses. The new methods can take measurements over shorter periods and with less weight loss and can accommodate subtle differences among individuals and races."

The principal investigator is Dr. Steven Heymsfield, director of the Body Composition Laboratory of the Obesity Research Center at St. Luke's-Roosevelt.

The studies are an outgrowth of research begun 23 years ago by Dr. Pierson and his colleagues at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center called the "Rosetta Project." The Rosetta Project provides translation tables for the many different body composition measurements applied by various investigators. Recently the project distinguished previously unrecognized average body composition differences among blacks, whites and Asians.

"If you didn't know about these subtle variations among different races and went into a study assuming that some measurement was normal for blacks, when in fact it was normal for whites but not for blacks, your results would be inaccurate," said Dr. Pierson.

St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, a 1,315-bed voluntary, non-profit hospital located on Manhattan's West Side, is a major teaching facility affiliated with the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Is your bump a chalazion?

By Dr. Janet Neigel

One of the most common office procedure performed by ophthalmologists doesn't prevent blindness or improve vision.

It does, however, remove an irritating inflammation called chalazion, which affects millions of Americans annually.

A chalazion is caused by an obstruction of one of the more than 20 eyelid glands and leaves a bump on the eyelid sometimes as large as one inch in diameter, but usually much smaller.

While a chalazion won't directly lead to vision problems, it is advisable to get it treated as quickly as possible. If untreated, infection could develop in the eyelid and surgery may be needed to correct the problem.

A rare factor to be concerned with is the threat of a skin cancer. In appearance, a recurrent chalazion has the same characteristics as sebaceous cell carcinoma, a rare type of skin cancer. It's extremely important to diagnose the lump quickly and accurately. If the lump is cancerous, surgery should be performed immediately.

Although the causes of chalazion are uncertain, those with oily skin are prone to the condition. Bacteria fills one of the eyelid glands, causing an obstruction and the lump.

Several treatment therapies are available. In the early stages, warm compresses should be placed on the bump for 10 minutes at a time. This process should be repeated every two to

four hours for about a week.

Also, several types of antibiotic eye drops or ointments are used to reduce the inflammation. These ointments should be placed on the inside of the eyelid because penetration through the skin is generally poor.

If the chalazion persists, outpatient surgery may be necessary. The eyelid is turned inside out and cut open and the chalazion is excised. Following the 15-minute operation, the patient will have to wear an eye patch overnight to protect the eyelid. There are no stitches involved and there is generally no scar.

An unfortunate side of chalazion is that patients who contract the condition once are likely to have it again. But it's important to remember to have any lumps on your eyelids diagnosed quickly. While a chalazion may only be a minor irritation, if the lump is cancerous, the results could be deadly.

(Dr. Neigel, West Orange, N.J., is assistant professor of ophthalmology at the New Jersey Medical School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), Newark.)

St Michael's holds summer blood drive

NEWARK, N.J. - Saint Michael's Medical Center in conjunction with the North Jersey Blood Center, will hold its Annual Summer Blood Drive on Friday, August 10 from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Mother Schervier Hall Auditorium.

The drive is held this time each year to help alleviate some of the critical blood shortages

which occur routinely during the summer months.

Technicians from the Blood Center will be on hand to answer questions and draw donations. Any healthy individual between the ages of 18 and 66 can donate blood. Donors who are 17 years of age may do so with written permission from their parents.

Donors must weigh more than

110 pounds and should not be taking any medications, although certain types of prescription medications are acceptable.

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One on One with Spike Lee

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Lee spent a great deal of his time on programs like "Nightline" and "Oprah Winfrey," defending what many termed a recklessness towards racial tension. And while Lee, as filmmaker, was the first to throw a punch, he ended the film with quotes of non-violence from Dr. Martin Luther King.

His current film centers on the life of an up-and-coming jazz musician, who is at a turning point in both his professional and personal life, challenging the view by many that jazz is a dying art. The challenge, however, for Lee, was to make the film authentic. "With films like *Byrd*, they could use the excuse that maybe they didn't know them, but I grew up in that environment," says the 36-year-old filmmaker, whose under-stated presence and overly casual dress, often make him all the more noticeable. "My father was a jazz musician. I know these guys," -Brandon, Wynton Marsalis-in person. I couldn't afford to mess up. I had to make it realistic."

Fact is, "Mo' Better Blues" is a lighter-well-rendered, more entertaining film, from a filmmaker who is not known for playing up to audiences. "I have respect for the audience," Lee says, "but I have to do what I have to do. It is to create a film that I envision. Black people have been behind me from the beginning, and I appreciate that."

"It's obvious that Spike is the first, really, really important modern black filmmaker," said director Martin Scorsese ("Taxi Driver"). He's caught an important kind of truth about urban life. So much so that many would like to work with him. Yet, Spike Lee favors the ensemble of actors he's assembled in his steady rise to fame. Those like Giancarlo Esposito, Bill Nunn, and his 27-year-old sister, Jolie Lee, who nabbed a starring role in "Mo' Better Blues." His brother Charles works as a stills photographer.

And while he doesn't consider himself an actor, neither does he see himself in any of the roles he portrays in his movies. "I don't play myself. Most of the characters I've played have not been the most sympathetic and that doesn't bother me." In spite of this, it is his handiwork that filmmakers pay to see.

In his next film "Jungle Fever," slated to go into production next month, keys in on the explosive combination of race, class and sex. Starring another of his ensemble players, Wesley Snipes, "Shadow" in "Mo' Better Blues," is about an upscale black architect who falls for an Italian girl from the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. There is the struggle to foster a relationship in the face of the hell breaking loose as well as the realities of their respective worlds.

Growing up in Brooklyn some thirty-three years ago, making films never really occurred to him.

Describing himself as "a self-styled social realist," the Morehouse graduate has spoken on

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Shelton Jackson Lee. The oldest son born to a schoolteacher and jazz composer (Bill Lee, who presently scores all of his films). Lee once recalled, "I didn't know people actually made films; I just went to see them. To me, Hollywood was mythical." Today, Brooklyn remains home for Lee as well as his Forty Acres & A Male production company, which operates out of a converted warehouse.



Arsenio Hall

such topics as Afrocentricity, and is critical of blacks who play down their Negroist features and black celebrities who don't channel their funds toward black economic development. His own personal commitments include programs such as Harlem's Hale House, and fundraising drives for the UNCF (United Negro College Fund), raised \$250,000. What's more, he's founded a minority scholarship fund for earned his students at NYU, where he carried his own master's degree.

And while his life is essentially public, people know little about his personal life. In interviews, he is known for his short, blunt responses. However, those who work for him, have nothing but good things to say. Veteran assistant Ruby Dee says "he's my role model." Dee, who had a starring role in "Do the Right Thing," reports "I didn't even know what the movie was about at first. He just asked me to do it, and I did it."

"One of the things that places me most about Spike," she adds, "is his marvelously integrated crew and I know that the technical side of this business is excluded from blacks so thoroughly that I find that something to aspire to overcome. And I think Spike is way out in front in the accomplishment of that."

Lee's desire to provide opportunities for blacks in film making is likely to be second only to his desire to make good films. He's been openly critical of some of his peers-like Oprah Winfrey and Arsenio Hall for not doing more. Said Lee, "I've never had any trouble finding qualified black people-they find you." However, it was his criticism of mega-star Eddie Murphy that has brought the most heat, while forging a wedge between the two.

It stemmed from words Lee made in a Los Angeles Times interview, when he stated, "I love Eddie Murphy and I'm 100% behind him, but... Eddie has made a billion dollars for Paramount, yet I don't see any black executives with any real power at the place. If I were Eddie, I'd go into Sid Ganis' office and day, 'If you want me to keep making movies here, I want to see some qualified black production execs and marketing execs.'"

Lee later tried to make amends during a star-studded premiere of "Do the Right Thing" in Los Angeles, when while standing before a standing-room-only crowd, he requested to meet with Murphy after the screening to clear some things up. Today, Lee says they've resolved their differences. This way of a no-holds barred three-hour long conversation, Lee arranged during his stint as guest editor for Spin Magazine. According to Lee, the conversation-undisturbed-was published in the magazine's October issue. Of course, the main point of contention remains Lee's belief that Murphy could use more of his clout to get more blacks in key positions at major studios.

The more heated debates, however have taken place between Lee and Arsenio Hall, who, for a time was one of his biggest critics. "Sometimes Spike has a thicker-than-thou attitude," Hall told *Radioshack's* Lee Bailey, shortly after the release of "Do the Right Thing." Spike is no blacker than any of the people he criticizes...Bill Cosby, Whoopi Goldberg, Eddie Murphy...He has his hands full just doing his movies and my opinion is that if we spend too much time criticizing each other, we neglect our responsibility as creators. Black people got a lot of work to do. It's real important for us to stop fighting among ourselves and work in unity. We don't have time to sit down and decide whether Whoopi should be blue contacts. That's nobody's business but Whoopi's."

"Don't go to the press and criticize your brother," Hall continued. "He was apologetic on the air and the next day, he (Spike) was on a radio show criticizing me. My thing is I tried to talk to you like men should talk and you have this attitude about the ghetto and being black, but maybe a ghetto a-whipping will make

you realize that to talk behind my back and constantly criticize me instead of going about your business, is not the way to go. Don't go behind my back and dis me, and dis Oprah, and dis Cosby and dis Eddie...we don't have time for that. And I don't know any other way to explain it to me. I tried it on my show, I'm trying it on the air. Next time, I'm gonna whip his ass-if he says something about me."

Lee, somewhat stunned by Hall's statements, countered, "if anything he tried to dog me out when I was a guest on his show. I think it's unfortunate for him to get out in the media and say he's going to kick my ass-I thought more of the brother than to say something like that. Arsenio has my number and I know he has a phone, so if he thought that way, he should have called. This is the same kind of stuff that we discussed when I was a guest on his show. If he heard I was saying stuff behind his back, he should call me up but he didn't. He's fallen prey to the same kind of stuff he was chastising me for." And while Lee and Murphy may have settled their differences, the year-old tensions between Lee and Hall remain, and were noticeable when Lee made a recent appearance on the show to promote "Mo' Better Blues." However, when asked, Lee would only say, "I have no qualms with Arsenio...nothing public."

As enterprising as he is talented, he's published a series of autobiographed companion books to his films, featuring notes from his own journals, while most recently launching "Spike's Joint," a retail outlet in Brooklyn specializing in T-shirts and other of his film memorabilia. Other commercial ventures include music videos with those like Anita Baker and Miles Davis. Not to mention the wing of commercials he directed for NIKE with NBA superstar

Michael Jordan. Still, Lee doesn't buy into the hysteria his fame has brought.

"It's the biggest paradox in America," Lee once said, "to have blacks rise to the top of entertainment and athletics, and have

exceptions made to them. Everybody else is just a nigger. The way things are, I'll bet the Klan goes out, lynches some black folks and then goes home and turns on 'The Cosby Show' and enjoys it!"

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By Margo Ciasse

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"How To Make Love To A Negro Without Getting Tired"

The most exciting aspect of the film "How To Make Love To A Negro Without Getting Tired" is the title. They really could have done more with this title. The film is about a man (Isaiah Bankole) and his experiences writing the book (of the same title). After being in the movie fifteen minutes (a very long fifteen minutes) I didn't get it, or care. This was the best marketing plan that could have ever been developed, getting both the media and organizations like the NAACP to react. Well, if these organizations had only seen the movie, there would be no controversy. People drawn by curiosity would have been disappointed after plunking down the cost of a ticket, and word of mouth would of killed it. Instead, these organizations breathed life into it with all the media hoopla.

Now, back to the movie. It takes place in Montreal, and centers in on the lives of two black men (one Haitian and one African) or should I say negro men (but in this movie it doesn't really matter what description we use). One, is the author, who goes by the name of "Man" (portrayed by Isaiah de Bankole), and the other is his roommate and best friend, Bouba (Maka Kotto). The movie follows Man in and out of his apartment, up and down the streets, and around and around his bed (where nothing really much happens), as he writes this book about his real life sexual exploits. Problem is, the sum total of those exploits amounts to a big zero. None of which was interesting.

There is a sweet, but lacking relationship going on between Man and a rich, sexy, white graduate student - "Ms. Literature" (Roberta Bizeau). This casual relationship-(with it's lukewarm-not even heated, sexual encounters)-takes place as best friend Bouba listens to Charlie Parker, quotes liberally from the Koran and the works of Freud, and takes 15-hour naps. And after seeing this film, I was ready for one of those 15-hour naps. This film's a real sleeper.

Oh, and let us not forget the three white drug dealers who try, without success, to capture, kill or simply be a pain in the neck to both Man and Bouba. Don't ask me how they fit into this movie, or what any of this has to do with the sexuality of black men? Instead, what we as Black Americans, should be upset about is why was there only a glimpse of a black woman in the whole movie, and I mean a glimpse. Here we are demanding of the film industry to hire more minorities and one of our own makes a movie devoid of black women. Now that's what the NAACP and other organizations should be chewing on. Now, for the bright side? Put away your protest banners or at least find a better cause, because this movie will not be rocking anybody's boat.

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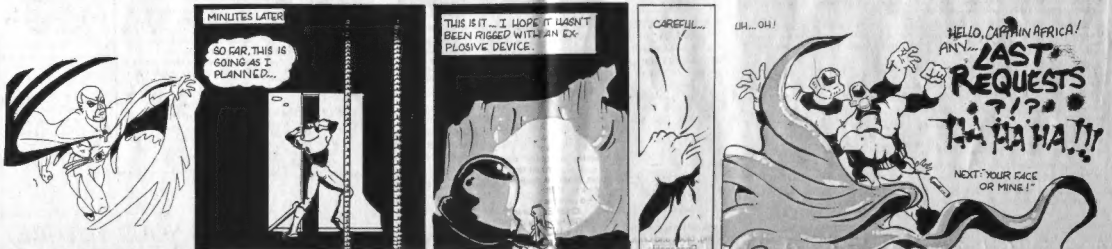
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Aug 22	Back to School	Aug 15
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Sept 5	Tribute to labor	Aug 29
Sept 12	Corporations/labor/education: working together	Sept 5
Sept 19	Festival of People/African-American Festival	Sept 12
Sept 26	Community Pride/Economic Development	Sept 19
Oct 3	Health/Beauty/Travel	Sept 26
Oct 10	Home Improvement	Oct 3
Oct 17	Auto Preview	Oct 10
Oct 24	Entertainment/Dining Out/Recipe Contest	Oct 17
Oct 31	The Black Church/Recipe Contest	Oct 24
Nov 7	The Black Church/Recipe Contest	Oct 31
Nov 14	The Black Church/Recipe Contest	Nov 7
Nov 21	Thanksgiving/Gift Guide/Contest Winners	Nov 14
Nov 28	Gift Guide	Nov 21
Dec 5	Gift Guide	Nov 28
Dec 12	Gift Guide	Dec 5
Dec 19	Gift Guide	Dec 12
Dec 26	New Years Guide	Dec 19
Jan 2	Diet/Health/Travel	Dec 26
Jan 9	Tribute to Martin Luther King	Jan 2
Jan 16	The Legacy of King	Jan 9
Jan 23	Black History Past Legends	Jan 16
Jan 30	Black History (Business & Employment)/Lincoln Day Sales	Jan 23
Feb 6	Black History (Civic & Social)	Feb 6
Feb 13	Black History (Where are we now)	Feb 13
Feb 20	Black History (Future Leaders)	Feb 20
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Mar 13	Celebration of the Black Press	Mar 6
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May 14	Bridal Issue	May 7
May 21	Today's Black Woman	May 14
May 28	Summer Youth Employment	May 21
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June 19	Today's Black Man	June 12
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Verona Jaycees' Labor Day Run accepting entries

VERONA, N.J. -- Officials from the Verona Jaycees' Labor Day Run have announced that applications are now available and being accepted for the race scheduled for September 3 at Verona Park.

The event, sponsored by Dellanno Construction, will start at 9:00 a.m. with a one-mile fun run followed by the featured five-mile race at 9:30 a.m. All participants and spectators invited to the Verona Jaycees' Labor Day Picnic which also takes place in the park following the race.

The race is coordinated by the Verona Jaycees and Essex Running Club and serves as a

fund-raiser to benefit Jaycees' charities. It is sanctioned and certified by The Athletics Congress.

Race spokesman Barry Giblin, the first place New Jersey finisher in the 1988 Waterfront Marathon and a top runner on the tri-state racing circuit, expects the race to highlight the beginning of the Fall racing season.

"Traditionally, the Labor Day Run has kicked off the Fall racing season in New Jersey," said Giblin. "Thousands have come to Verona Park to participate in the race as runners or spectators in recent years. We feel that 1990 will be our biggest year ever, es-

pecially since we've combined the picnic with the race."

Giblin noted that there will be activities throughout the day that will offer something for everyone.

"Even if you can't run five miles, you can come out and run or walk in the one-mile fun run," Giblin said. "And if you're not a runner, there will be plenty of exciting action watching the race and lots of good food and fun games at the picnic. It will be a real family atmosphere."

All pre-registered applicants will receive a commemorative t-shirt, while shirts will be avail-

able to post-registrants as long as the supply lasts. Pre-registration is \$8 and lasts until August 15. Post-registered runners will pay \$10 up to the start of the race. The fun run is \$5. Awards will be presented to the top three male and female runners, including a \$250 check to the first place male and female. All other participants will be eligible to win awards in seven age categories.

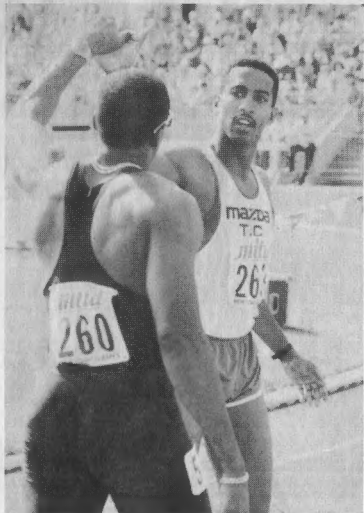
For applications or additional information call the race information hotline at 201-239-6549 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Verona Jaycees' Labor Day Run, P.O. Box 51, Verona, N.J., 07044.

1990 Recreation Division Tennis Tournament

The Plainfield Division of Recreation announces that openings still remain in the 1990 Plainfield Area Open Tennis Tournament. The classifications are as follows: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles, Senior Men's Singles (40 yrs. and older), Golden Men's Singles (50 yrs. and older), and Women's Doubles.

The Tournament will begin on August 13, 1990, and all matches will be played at the Randolph Road Tennis Courts. Entries must be received at least one week before the first round of the Tournament Division(s) in which you are entered. Entries may be turned in to the Recreation Division office at City Hall or submitted to the Randolph Road Tennis Attendant in the evenings only.

Entry Fees: \$10.00 for each singles event and \$12.00 for each doubles team.



110 meter hurdler record holder Roger Kingdom, and world record holder, Renaldo Nehemiah of Scotch Plains greet one another after competing in the 110 meter hurdle in the NY Games at Weid Stadium (Columbia Univ.) Photo by Brian Branch-Pride

ERA-Queen City Dance to help "Jerry's Kids"

Once again, ERA-Queen City Realtors located at 1424 South Avenue, Plainfield, will hold a dance on August 24, 1990 from 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. to help "Jerry's Kids" and MDA.

The dance will be held at the Grant Avenue Community Center, 403 W. 7th Avenue in Plainfield and admission is \$20.00. There will be an open bar, plenty of food, and live music by DJ "Jazzy Caz".

This is the fourth time this event is being held and last year over 200 people attended and over \$2,000 was raised. A sell-out is expected and tickets are now available at ERA-Queen City on a first come - first serve basis.

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